

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 16, 2008. Claims 36 and 38-45 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 22, 24, 25, 31, and 56-72 are presented for examination, of which Claims 22, 24, 31, 56, and 57 are in independent form. Previously withdrawn Claims 36 and 38-45 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claims 22, 24, 25, 31, 56, 57, 60, 63-66, 69, and 72 have been amended to define Applicants' invention still more clearly. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants wish to thank Supervisory Patent Examiner Hewitt and Examiner Winter for the courtesies extended during the various telephonic interviews to discuss the rejection in the outstanding Office Action. During those telephone conversations, tentative agreement was reached that the amended claims place the application in condition for allowance.

It is believed that this response represents a complete written statement as to the substance of the telephonic interviews, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

No petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action is deemed necessary for this Amendment. If, however, such a petition is required to make this Amendment timely filed, then this paper should be considered such a petition and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite petition fee to Deposit Account 50-3939.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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